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In re U.S. Application of:)

Applicant(s): Hiroshi Murakami)

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

(X) Telephone Interview Summary.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

The following remarks summarize the Telephone Interview conducted, with respect to the above-identified Application, on July 13, 2006, between Examiner Jean Lesperance, and Applicant's representative, Josh C. Snider:

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, it should be noted the July 13, 2006 interview occurred as a result of the Examiner's earlier request for an interview on July 6, 2006. This earlier request was to determine whether Applicant had abandoned this case. In response, it was pointed out to the Examiner that this case was actually still waiting for the Examiner's action, as indicated in the October 31, 2005 Interview Summary. The October 31, 2005 interview included the Examiner, Applicant's representative, and the Examiner's (now former) Supervisor, Patrick Edouard. In this earlier interview, Supervisor Edouard agreed with Applicant's representative that the August 25, 2005 Office Action, which reopened prosecution in this case, did not assert a meritorious rejection against the present claims, nor did it answer all of the arguments presented in Applicant's Appeal Brief, originally filed November 4, 2004. For these reasons, the Examiner agreed to vacate the August 25, 2005 Office Action.

The Examiner has now indicated, in the July 13, 2006 interview, that he believes dependent claim 7 contains some allowable subject matter, and that he may allow the case if Applicant agrees to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7 (and therefore intervening claim 6) into independent claim 2. The Examiner clearly indicated, however, that claim 2 would otherwise still be rejected, not upon any new grounds, but on the same grounds that were appealed by Applicant, and/or vacated in the most recent Office Action. Accordingly, agreement was not reached.

Applicant's Appeal Brief clearly demonstrates the deficiencies in the outstanding rejections that are all based, in whole or in part, on the Ikeda reference (U.S. 5,815,136). Supervisor Edouard even agreed with Applicant that the pending appeal of these rejections would likely be successful. Accordingly, as long as these rejections continue to rely on Ikeda, the Examiner's attempt to again reopen prosecution is inappropriate. Applicant has a right to have the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rule on this matter, and the Examiner should not avoid filing an Answer to the Appeal Brief if he cannot find any actual new grounds for rejecting the present claims.

The Examiner further indicated in the July 13, 2006 interview that it is still his intention to reopen prosecution and issue a new nonfinal Office Action shortly. Applicant again submits though, that it will be inappropriate to reopen prosecution and reject the claims primarily on the basis of the same Ikeda reference. If the Examiner cannot find any new prior art references upon which to primarily base any rejection, the Examiner should be compelled to answer the Appeal Brief originally filed a year and a half ago.

Respectfully submitted,

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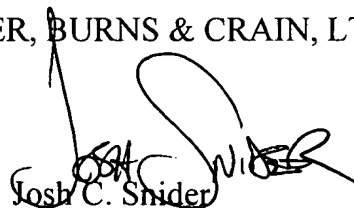
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